

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 543

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant Gregory Dean Byram of Sevierville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sergeant Gregory Dean Byram; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Byram was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on April 8, 1964, Sergeant Gregory Byram served with valor and devotion as a member of the United States Marine Corps and received full military funeral honors and detail; and

WHEREAS, he was dearly loved by all who knew him and was surrounded by family and friends at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Byram was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of nineteen years, Sherri Byram; father and stepmother, Greg and Lenora Byram; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl and Glenda Kirby; daughters, Shayna (Daniel) Coleman, Kelli (Josh) Ireland, and Ashley Byram; son, Gregory (Cathrine) Byram; and grandchildren, Landyn Coleman, Maggie Coleman, Neyland Ireland, Hannah Byram, and Connor Byram; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered by his sisters, Tammy and Patty; sisters-in-law, Tammy Kirby and Lori Kirby; brother-in-law, Steve Kirby; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, also left to mourn his passing are special friends Christy Bohannon, Hunter Rector, Haylee Rector, Stephen "Cowboy" Burns, Derek Parton, and longtime friends and fellow Marines Alvin Fleming and Shaw Gillespie; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Don and Jean Byram, and his grandmother-in-law, Dorthy Rector; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Byram leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sergeant Gregory Dean Byram, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sergeant Byram.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.